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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ISRAELI REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF PRISONERS
OF ZION

1. MOSHE RAVIV OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED THIS AFTER-
NOON TO RELAY A REQUEST WHICH HE SAID FOREIGN MINISTER
ALLON HAD ASKED BE PASSED DIRECTLY TO YOU.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF IN YOUR CON-
VERSATION THIS WEEK WITH GROMYKO YOU COULD RASIE TWO
SPECIAL CASES OF PRISONERS OF ZION WHO HAVE BEEN IM-
PRISONED IN THE USSR. HE WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT THERE IS
A GREAT DEAL OF CONCERN HERE AS TO THE FATE OF THE TWO
MEN INVOLVED AND A DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. INTEREST AT A
HIGH LEVEL MAY BE HELPFUL. THE CASES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) IOSIF BEGUN, AN ENGINEER BORN IN 1937 WITH A
PHD IN RADIO AND ELECTRONICS. BEGUN RESIDED AT 1414
MELNIKOVA STREET IN MOSCOW. HE SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO
EMIGRATE IN 1971 WHICH WAS REFUSED. HE WAS THROWN OUT
OF HIS JOB AND UNABLE TO OBTAIN FURTHER WORK IN HIS PRO-
FESSION. A NOTATION WAS MADE IN HIS LABOR CERTIFICATE

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THAT HE HAD BEEN FIRED BECAUSE HE HAD APPLIED FOR
EMIGRATION. BEGUN WAS IMPRISONED ON MARCH 3, 1977
AS A "PARASITE." HIS TRIAL WAS ORIGINALLY FIXED FOR
MAY 6 BUT BECAUSE OF HIS STATE OF HEALTH, PARTIALLY
CAUSED BY A HUNGER STRIKE, IT HAS BEEN DELAYED UNTIL
MAY 26.

(B) ANATOLI SHIRANSKY, MATHEMATICIAN, BORN IN 1948 WITH A SPECIALTY IN COMPUTERS AND CYBERNETICS. HE IS A RESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF ISTRA NEAR MOSCOW. HIS WIFE IS IN ISRAEL, HAVING LEFT THE DAY AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE. SHIRANSKY SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO EMIGRATE IN APRIL 1973 BUT THIS WAS REFUSED. HE WAS IMPRISONED ON MARCH 13, 1977, ACCUSED OF SPYING AND OF LIAISON WITH AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SAKHAROV COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE CONCLUDED WITH A STATEMENT THAT LAST WEEK A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE SEARCHED AND INTERROGATED IN REGARD TO BOTH BEGUN AND SHIRANSKY.

3. I ASSURED RAVIV THAT I WOULD PASS THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY TO YOU.
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